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SUBJECT: CHINA GREETES NEW LAO GOVERNMENT

1. IN AN APRIL 7 PEOPLE'S DAILY EDITORIAL, CHINA CONVEYED ITS "WARM GREETINGS" AND CONGRATULATIONS TO THE LAOTIAN PEOPLE AND DESCRIBED THE FORMATION OF THE LAO PROVISIONAL NATIONAL UNION GOVERNMENT AND NATIONAL COALITION POLITICAL COUNCIL AS A NEW AND IMPORTANT VICTORY CONFORMING TO THE ASPIRATIONS OF ALL THE LAO PEOPLE.

2. THE EDITORIAL CHARGED THAT THE FAILURE OF THE TWO EARLIER COALITION GOVERNMENTS HAD BEEN "WRECKED AND OVERTHROWN" BY THE LAO RIGHTIST GROUPS WITH "U.S. INSTIGATION,"

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BUT THERE WAS NO CRITICISM OF THE U.S. IN THE CURRENT CON-

TEXT. TAKING AN OPTIMISTIC VIEW OF THE NEW GOVERNMENT'S PROSPECTS, THE EDITORIAL NOTED THAT THE FORMATION OF THE THIRD NATIONAL UNION GOVERNMENT, ESTABLISHED WITH THE APPROVAL OF THE KING AND DESPITE OBSTRUCTIONS OF THE ULTRA-RIGHTISTS, HAD CREATED NEW CONDITIONS FAVORABLE TO THE LAOTIANS SOLVING THEIR PROBLEMS " FREE FROM FOREIGN INTER-FERENCE." THE EDITORIAL PROMISED THAT THE CHINESE PEOPLE "WILL AS ALWAYS RESPECT THE SOVEREIGNTY AND TERRITORIAL INTEGRITY OF LAOS."

3. ON PARIL 6, TUNG PI-WU, CHU TEH, AND CHOU EN-LAI, RESPECTIVELY SENT CONGRATULATORY MESSAGES TO HIS MAJESTY THE KING SAVANG VATTHANA, PRINCE SOUPHANOUVONG, AND PRINCE SOUVANNA PHOUMA RESPECTIVELY.
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